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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO FRENCH EDITION OF "REPUBLICA"

REFS: (A) PARIS 16305 (NOTAL)

(B) LISBON 3529

SUMMARY: JUNE 24-25 DAILIES FOCUSED MAINLY ON AUTHENTICITY  
PONOMAREV DOCUMENT, REPLAYING COMMENTARY ON SUBJECT FROM L'AUREOLE,  
LETTRE DE LA NATION, LIBERATION AND ESPECIALLY L'HUMANITE. MOST  
PORTUGUESE PAPERS AGREE QP'S EDITION OF "REPUBLICA" GAVE ISSUE  
IMPORTANT NEW INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS. PRESENTATION MIXED.  
END SUMMARY.

1. BOTH COMMUNIST-DOMINATED MORNING "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" (DN)  
AND SECULO CARRIED TASS DENIAL OF DOCUMENT'S AUTHENTICITY. DN  
REFERRED TO AN FP STATEMENT BY RAUL REGO STATING HE COULD NOT  
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VERIFY AUTHENTICITY OF DOCUMENT. PAPER MADE REPEATED REFERENCES

IN SAME ARTICLE TO "REPUBLICA" DIRECTOR BEING UNABLE TO PRODUCE PROOF OF DOCUMENT'S EXISTENCE. MENTIONING QP AS SOURCE, DN DESCRIBES REGO AS SURPRISED BY ATTENTION GIVEN TO DOCUMENT. THROUGH UPI/ANI DISPATCHES, DN REPORTS FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER FRANCOIS MITTERAND SAYING THAT "DOCUMENT IS PROBABLY FALSE AND HAS NO HISTORICAL MEANING." "SECULO" QUOTES L'HUMANITE ARTICLE AS STATING THAT FRENCH COMMUNISTS PARTY CHALLENGES SOCIALIST MARIO SOARES TO PROVE EXISTENCE OF SOVIET DOCUMENT. INDEPENDENT LEFTIST AFTERNOON "DIARIO POPULAR" (DP) REPRINTED SAME QUOTE.

2. HEADLINING "NEW TENSIONS BETWEEN FRENCH SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS RESULTING FROM QP'S EDITION OF "REPUBLICA" DP SAYS FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY GEORGE MARCHAIS SENT REPRESENTATIVES TO QP TO VERIFY EXISTENCE OF DOCUMENT AND, AS RESULT, QP'S EDITOR PHILLIP TESSON ISSUED PRESS COMMUNIQUE JUNE 23 INFORMING THAT TESSON DOES NOT POSSESS THE DOCUMENT. BOTH DP AND INDEPENDENT LEFTIST AFTERNOON "CAPITAL" PUBLISHED FOLLOWING COMMENTARY FROM "LETTRE DE LA NATION:" "WHILE L'HUMANITE CASTS DOUBT ON AUTHENTICITY OF ARTICLE FROM PORTUGUESE NEWSPAPER, ALVARO CUNHAL'S STATEMENTS CONCUR EXACTLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS SIGNED BY PONOMAREV."  
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